project under the scheme according to his choice anywhere in the country depending upon the economic viability of the project. However, there is a ceiling of creation of 18.00 lakh MTs storage capacity in a State under the scheme. Hence the entrepreneurs of Rajasthan can avail of the benefit of the back ended subsidy under the Scheme as per the guidelines.

**Multi crore scam over relief package for farmers in Vidarbha**

564. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scam over the relief package to help the bereaved families of the farmers who committed suicide in Vidarbha region has come to the notice of Government;

(b) what are the eligibility criteria for getting the relief fixed by Government; and

(c) the details of the multi crore scam with names of persons/officers involved in the scam and action taken/being taken against those persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No report about scam over the relief package to help the bereaved families of the farmers who committed suicide in Vidarbha region has been reported by the Government of Maharashtra. However, there have been some reports from certain quarters including the press about incorrect selection of beneficiaries under the Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in six suicide prone districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

(b) The eligibility criteria fixed by the Government of Maharashtra for selection of beneficiaries under subsidiary income component of the Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in six suicide prone districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra are as under:

1. Suicide-affected families.
2. Families/farmers below poverty line.
3. The selected family should not have availed of any subsidy for dairy activity under a government sponsored programme in the last two years.
4. Amount of outstanding debt with the prospective beneficiary.
5. Landless labourers/women beneficiaries to be given priority.
6. Families in clusters so as to facilitate provision of inputs and marketing services.
7. Villages with potential to form milk cooperatives unions/Self Help Groups and linkage with milk routes.

(c) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri B.V. Gopal Reddy, Director General, Vasantrao Naik Shetkari Swavalamban Mission, Amravati has been constituted by the Government of Maharashtra to enquire into the reports regarding incorrect selection of the beneficiaries under the Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in the identified-districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and to ascertain the truth and take action, if necessary.

**Plan to formulate high-tech horticulture hub**

†565.SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether any plan is being formulated to make a high-tech horticulture hub in the country;

(b) if so, the names of States where this plan is being introduced; and

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No separate plan has been formulated to make hi-tech Horticulture hubs in the country. However, under the existing horticulture development schemes *viz* National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE) and National Horticulture Board, assistance is provided for holistic development of horticulture by adopting an end-to-end approach covering production, post harvest management, processing and marketing. A list of the horticulture hubs developed at various places through the above mentioned intervention is placed at Statement.

***Statement***

*Details of horticulture hubs developed at various places in the countries*

| Crop | Location | Name of the State |
|---|---|---|
| Strawberry | Satara and | Maharashtra and |
| | Jammu | Jammu & Kashmir |
| Grapes | Sangli, Nasik and | Maharashtra |
| | Bijapur | Karnataka |
| Flowers | Pune | Maharashtra |
| | Banaglore and | Karnataka |
| | Nilgiris | Tamil Nadu |
| Rose | | Tamil Nadu |
| Mango | Hoshangabad | Madhya Pradesh |
| Mosambi/Sweet Orange | Anantpur, Nalgonda | Andhra Pradesh |
| Kinnow | Abohar, | Punjab |
| | Sirsa | Haryana |
| | Sri Ganganagar | Rajasthan |
| Gerberra | Ramnagar | Uttarakhand |
| Banana | Anand | Gujarat |
| Pomegranate | Sholapur | Maharashtra |
| Litchi | Ramnagar (Kashipur) and | Uttar Pradesh |
| | Muzzafarnagar | |
| Anthurium | Coorg | Karnataka |
| Fruit Orchards Cluster | Kashmir Valley | Jammu & Kashmir |
| Fruit pulp processing | Dharampuri and Krishnagiri | Tamil Nadu |
| Ornamental plants nurseries | 24 South Pargana, Midnipur | West Bengal |